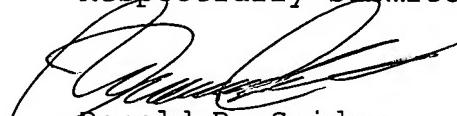


REMARKS

The amendment made to the Claims was made to eliminate a multiple dependent claim. The effect of the amendment relates only to matters of form, and the substance of the Claims remain the same. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by any of the amendments to the Claims.

It is submitted that the present amendment places the application in good form for allowance, and an early and favorable action for this application is respectfully solicited.

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